

INSTRUCTION NO. [8-201]

[Cruelty to Animals, 2003]

A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals if, without justification, the person knowingly or negligently subjects an animal to mistreatment or neglect by:

[overworking, beating, tormenting, torturing, injuring, or killing the animal]

[carrying or confining the animal in a cruel manner]

[failing to provide an animal in the person's custody with:

[food and water of sufficient quantity and quality to sustain the animal's normal health]

[minimum protection for the animal from adverse weather conditions, with consideration given to the species]

[in cases of immediate, obvious, serious illness or injury, licensed veterinary or other appropriate medical care]

[abandoning any helpless animal or abandoning any animal on any highway, railroad, or in any other place where it may suffer injury, hunger, or exposure or become a public charge]

[promoting, sponsoring, conducting, or participating in an animal race of more than 2 miles, except a sanctioned endurance race]

GIVEN: _____
District Judge

Source: MCJI 8-201

Plaintiff's Proposed Instruct. No. _____ Defendant's Proposed Instruct. No. _____

Given as Instruction No. _____ Refused _____ Withdrawn _____ By _____

[Cruelty to Animals as defined after October 1, 2003, Source and Comments]

SOURCE: MCA § 45-8-201 (2003).

COMMENT: Cite as MCJI 8-201.

Use only the applicable paragraphs. Delete that which is not applicable.